

Director of Naval Intelligence Recommendations on NIE-42: The Current Situation in Albania with Particular Reference to Greek, Yugoslav and Italian Interests.

Page 1, Conclusions: Delete paragraphs 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

"1. In its physical isolation from the Soviet Bloc Albania's importance to the USSR is more latent than manifest. In an area of traditional Russian aspirations, its continuance under Soviet control is a political asset and a matter of prestige to the USSR especially in view of the defection of Yugoslavia and the defeat of Communist aggression in Greece. Economically, Albania is ~~probably~~ a liability to the USSR, ~~under existing circumstances~~. By itself, Albania is of minor military importance to the USSR. However, if overland communication with the Soviet orbit were reestablished, it would regain the limited ~~but effective~~ military value it possessed for the USSR before the Yugoslav defection."

Renumber following paragraphs accordingly.

Page 3, paragraph 6, sixth sentence: Change to read as follows:

"Saseno Island and the port of Valona have some potential value as bases for mine craft, small naval attack craft and submarines. which might ~~for a short period cause annoyance to naval operations in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas~~."

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